

The Editor

Editorial

What Would We Do Without Spring?

Although it doesn't look a whole lot like Spring around here yet, officially the season has arrived and we know it eventually will get to Wasatch County. It's always late, but it always arrives.

Summer in this county is more fun than anyplace, with so many things to do and such beautiful mountains and valleys to do them in. No place can be any more beautiful than Wasatch County in the Fall. And nothing is more awesome than our when the skies clear and the sun shines on our mountains after a good January snowfall.

Each change of season in this county opens up a special treasure chest of feelings, smells, activities, to savor for a few months. Then the chest closes slowly as the next one opens, offering a different treasure of opportunities to rummage through. None of the seasons lasts long enough to get used to or bored with, so when it's about time for each to return, we remember its pleasures and can't wait to see what new experiences are waiting for us this time.

But, above all, we *need* Spring. Without Spring, there could be no other seasons. Spring is the beginning of nature's cycle. It's the time when the leaves bud on the trees and shrubs, becoming the rich green of summer that provides the restful shade we can snooze under on a hot August afternoon; then they produce the brilliant, glorious, breathtaking yellows, reds and golds of Autumn; and finally they become the natural fertilizer under winter's blanket that gets everything ready to start over.

We *need* the sights of spring, like looking across a pasture next to a busy highway and spotting a spindle-legged foal trying to balance upright for the first time, as though he were mistakenly issued four illfitting stilts. But he miraculously masters the challenge and soon is trotting, then galloping across the field, never more than a few inches away from his mommy, who paces herself so that he has to work to keep up, but isn't left behind.

We need the early Spring sight of tulip and crocus leaves poking up through the soil before the snow is quite gone. We need to check them regularly so we don't miss the first little flower face that peeks around to make sure everything's okay before signaling the others that it's time for everybody to come out in full, colorful bloom.

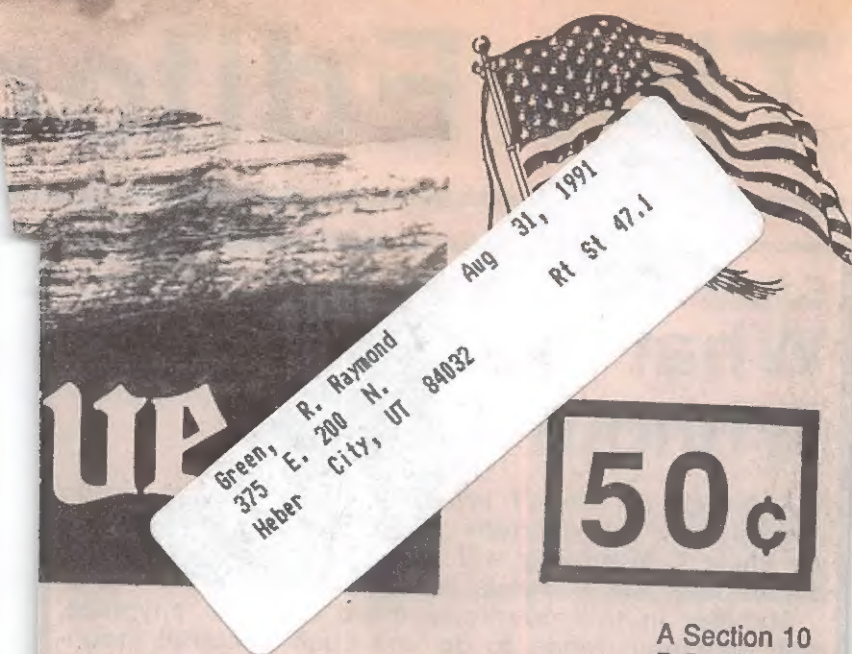
We need the squawking in the trees as the birds argue about who gets which condo this year, and the boundaries and lease agreements are worked out. Then the little border disputes calm down and everybody settles in to do their part in hatching out a new generation.

And we need to participate in the renewal, not just watch it. Our own nesting instincts start churning and we begin to plan what we'll paint, repair or replace this year, starting with what didn't get done last year. We rake and clean up what fell to the bottom of the snowpack, to at least make things neat until we can really get out and dig around in the soil.

Then we plant some seeds and start searching for teeny little leaves emerging, days before the seed packages said we should expect to see anything, and gently nurture them through their tender first month or two.

Summer, Fall and Winter in Wasatch County are wonderfully enjoyable. But we *need* Spring. During the housebound days of winter we need the assurance that because Spring has always come, it will come again this year. We need the foals and the flower buds and the robins; to plant and to nurture; to clean, fix and paint. How appropriate that Easter comes at the same time, reminding Christians that not only is this the season of physical renewal, it also can be the season for spiritual renewal.

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A sure sign of spring in Heber Valley is a group of young boys loading up their fishing gear for a quick trip to the nearest stream to see what might be caught. We don't know about their fishing luck, but we're sure it was worth the trip.

Out of Provo and Safety Reasons

But the commissioners denied the request, saying that keeping trucks out of the canyon could jeopardize federal road funding to the state. They also expressed concern about setting a dangerous precedent that could effect trucks using other roads.

Julie Mack, spokesperson for the Provo Canyon Coalition, said the group had anticipated what the legal opinion would be because they had extensively researched the issue.

But Kim Morris, speaking for the Utah Department of Transportation, said he doesn't think the safety threat will be easy to prove.

"Accident records do not show that trucks are any more a hazard in

Provo Canyon than they are anywhere else," he said.

The truck traffic through Utah county is "the equivalent of some body cutting through your back yard," said Bud Scruggs, the governor's chief of staff.

"No other city has a major truck route going directly through residential neighborhoods," said Mack. "The public wants to put a stop to it. We are not going to subject our children to the hazards."

She said when the new highway through the canyon is completed even more trucks will use it.

Truckers on Interstate 80 and U.S. 40, with destinations south of Provo, save about 55 miles by us-

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